

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

W. Lincoln Bouve et al.

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OF INTEREST FROM A DATABASE

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#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in the above-referenced application.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$62.00 to cover the excess claims fee. No additional fees are deemed due in this matter. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be due in this matter from deposit account 12-0448.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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# In the Claims

Please add the following new claims:

--75. A method for mapping items of interest relative to a geo-defined location, comprising the steps of:

providing a map of a starting vicinity on a display for a user, the display being connected for communication with a database, the starting vicinity being selected from the group consisting essentially of a country, a state, and a city;